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## Seven Storm Repair Projects in Western Sonoma County

**Oakland-**Caltrans is beginning highway repair work on seven projects in western Sonoma County during the spring and summer of 2006. Workers will repair landslides and build retaining walls along the Russian River corridor on Route 116 and along Highway 1. The projects are located between Guerneville and Jenner, with one project in Bodega Bay. Five projects are on Route 116 and two are on Highway 1.

Traffic signals and signs will alert motorists of the project sites. Four of the seven projects will be completed with one-way traffic control. Having these jobs run concurrently will impact traffic along Route 116 and Highway 1, however postponing these projects could lead to further deterioration of the roadway and possible landslides during the next rainy season. These projects must be done during these months in order to comply with environmental permit constraints related to working along the Russian River.

Caltrans is taking steps to mitigate the impact roadwork may have on traffic and mobility for residents and visitors. The agency is implementing the 511 system in the area, is broadcasting on Highway Advisory Radio, developing a website, and working with local media outlets to keep the public informed of progress on the roads. Caltrans urges all motorists to drive cautiously near roadwork.

These projects are funded by the federal government as emergency relief for storm damage repair. The total cost for the seven projects is just under \$10 million.

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